

FATE OF OUR WORKERS IS GREATEST STAKE IN BATTLE FOR HUMANITY

Buy Liberty Bonds to the Limit, Is
Plea of President Farrington,
of Miners' Union

By FRANK FARRINGTON.

Every working man and working woman in America should buy Liberty Bonds to the limit of their ability to do so. They should buy until it hurts, and after it begins to hurt they should keep on buying until their purchase becomes a personal sacrifice for the reason that upon the outcome of the war hangs the future fate of the workers of America.

Forced to enter a conflict that could no longer be avoided with safety to the liberties of the people of America and the democracies of the world, our country is now involved in the most appalling tragedy that has overtaken mankind since the beginning of time. The issue involved is:

Shall Democracy or Autocracy rule the world? Shall the peoples of democracies, where democracies obtain,



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continue their democratic form of government and preserve unto themselves their hard-earned liberties with opportunity to improve them and thus contribute to the betterment of all mankind, or shall the attainments of centuries-old struggles for freedom and liberty be blasted into oblivion by a ruthless military caste and all the people of the world be menaced and ruled by the tyranny of a triumphant military despotism? That is the great underlying principle to be determined and the one that has caused millions of men to be gripped in a death struggle, the enormity and hell-fury violence of which is unprecedented in the world's history and beyond the power of human mind to fully comprehend. On one side are arrayed the legions of a military caste, driven to battle by the mailed fist of Autocracy. On the other side are the forces of Democracy heroically answering the challenge to do battle in defense of liberty, justice and humanity. Into this crucible of horror America has cast her lot with the forces of Democracy and summoned her sons to help throw off the yoke of threatened Autocracy so that the peoples of all the nations of the world shall be free to follow the tenor of their own design.

Our Solemn Obligation.

The momentous decision of our Government to throw the nation's resources into this mighty conflict and to give of her sons, and of her wealth, to the cause of humanity, imposes upon every American and upon every man who has partaken of America's bounty the solemn obligation of loyalty in doing their part to win victory for the cause America represents, no matter whether they be found as soldiers in the battle lines or as workers in industrial pursuits.

The full significance of this awful cataclysm that has overtaken the world and our relation thereto is, as yet by us, scarcely realized, though thousands of our countrymen are now in the battle lines and myriads more are preparing to follow. These, our countrymen, the select of America, scholars, college men, professionals of all the arts and trades, and a countless number of the rich and sons of the poor, men who love life as well as we but who prefer liberty to life without liberty, have made common cause and entered the lists in answer to the nation's needs. These men, every one a hero, with the courage of Spartans and the souls of martyrs, go to the battle grounds to face every death-dealing device human brain can devise for the destruction of man and offer their lives in defense of democracy and the freedom of the peoples of the world, and they will do this with the full knowledge that millions of their kind have already been ruined physically and mentally and left to suffer a living death, while other millions have been blasted into bits and their shreds trampled in the muck and mire of this thundering inferno of death and destruction. Upon these who stay at home will devolve the obligation of making it possible for those at the front to have a fighting chance.

Workers Behind the Line.

Upon our workers of America devolves a tremendous obligation; that is the obligation of aiding and sustaining our men under arms while

Farrington's Big Union

Frank Farrington, author of the accompanying article, is President of the Illinois District of the United Mine Workers of America, and one of the best known labor leaders in this country. His district union has a membership of close to one hundred thousand miners who produce eighty million tons of coal annually. The total coal production in the United States is about 400,000,000 tons.

they fight to establish the supreme principle that mankind shall be free and that liberty and justice shall be triumphant throughout the world.

If Autocracy should win in this titanic struggle for human rights, all our accomplishments of the past would be swept away and tyranny and oppression would be rampant throughout the world. Should that come true, no class would suffer as much as the men and women of labor, and it will come true if we fail to support our Government in the present crisis.

A government can be no stronger than the people living under it make it, and if we fail to respond to our Government's appeal for help our war policy must collapse and our countrymen "over there" must fail, and in that event it is inevitable that the forces of autocracy shall be triumphant over the forces of democracy. Thus it is that every working man and working woman in America should buy Liberty Bonds.

Money invested in Liberty Bonds is as safe as our Government itself. The Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America has purchased \$500,000 worth of the first, second and third issues of bonds out of district funds and we propose to buy \$500,000 worth of the fourth issue. Our various local unions have made purchases aggregating millions and I am certain they will buy bountifully of the fourth issue. The rate of interest paid on such investment is fair. However, the paramount reason why we should buy Liberty Bonds is because the fate of the world is in the balance, the freedom and happiness of humanity is at stake, and the sale of Liberty Bonds is one of the mediums through which our Government must raise the money to feed and equip and to care for our sons and brothers, our relatives and associates, our countrymen—"the boys over there"—while they fight to crush autocracy and to implant in its stead liberty and justice for all the peoples of all the nations of the world.

Liberty Medals

In the ranks when a soldier performs some heroic act he is awarded a medal. In the civilian army when some person buys Liberty Bonds, joins the Red Cross or the Y. M. C. A., he or she is given a badge.

It is an honor for a person to wear one of these badges, just as it is for the soldier to wear his. The average American citizen can and should wear three of these badges—the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.

They show that the wearer is far-sighted enough to see that if we are to do our part in helping to relieve the Hun-infested lands of Europe, and make the menace of the spiked helmet a thing of the past, we must have soldiers, and that soldiers alone cannot accomplish this.

Uncle Sam needs the money obtained through the purchase of Liberty Bonds to make ammunition, feed, clothe and to furnish other essential things needed in the maintaining of an army.

We must have the Red Cross to look after the families of the soldiers, furnish bandages, nurses and other things to make army life comfortable.

The Y. M. C. A. to keep up the morale of the men, the "Y" huts, where the men are furnished hot drinks, cigarettes, writing materials and literature.

After the war is over and our boys have returned home to us, bringing with them medals showing that they performed some commendable deed, will YOU have your three, to show the boys that you are backing them all the while?—Sloan Springs (Ark.) Daily Register.

A Colored Man's Example.

It was a wise and patriotic old colored American who refused to sell his \$100 Liberty Bond for \$96, because he would not give up the United States' promise (his bond) to pay him \$100 with interest for the United States' promise (currency) to pay him \$96, and who refused to sell the same bond for \$102, because, he said, that the \$102 must be counterfeited or else the would-be purchaser would not be willing to give it for only \$100. It is safe to say that there are no gold bricks or wildcat securities among that American's assets.

Keep the Hopper Full - - By Halleck



GASOLINELESS DAY SAVINGS FEED WHOLE ARMY FOR 48 HOURS

Sunday Abstinence of Autoists Means
2,800,000 Hand Grenades
for Pershing.

When the American people locked up their automobiles for a gasless Sunday on Sept. 1 they saved enough money to provide Gen. Pershing's army with 5,000 machine guns costing \$250 each.

They saved enough money to buy food for the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe for two whole days. They saved enough money to provide Gen. Pershing's army with 2,800,000 hand grenades.

They saved enough money to pay for 35,784 completely equipped rifles of the type the American infantryman carries when he goes into conflict.

A Big Saving.

These figures were revealed in a Treasury statement, issued recently, appealing to the American public to turn its savings from abstinence into War Savings Stamps or set them aside for investment in Liberty Bonds. The Treasury statement reminded the public that these savings which are being effected are of no value to the government in its prosecution of the war unless they are made available for its use.

The Fuel Administration reported that the saving of gasoline on the second gasless Sunday amounted to 5,000,000 gallons, which, valued at 25 cents a gallon, meant a saving to American pocketbooks of \$1,250,000. In transportation alone this meant a saving of 625 tank cars for an average haul of 200 miles.

The rubber saved by giving tires a day's rest would be sufficient to equip 3,500 motor trucks for the American army with tires capable of running 5,000 miles.

SMALL BONDHOLDER MISSES POINT AS TO VIRTUAL TAX ESCAPE

Investor Should Realize All Issues He Owns Are Practically Free From Taxation.

Financiers studying the market conditions with regard in particular to Liberty Bond figures find that a great many of the bond transactions are initiated by persons who do not understand the statutes which safeguard the various issues of bonds.

For instance, small holders have been selling their 4 and 4½ per cent bonds in order to buy the 3½ per cent bonds of the first loan, because the 3½s are completely exempt from tax. As a matter of fact, for the small investor the 4s and 4½s carry the same freedom from taxation, practically. No tax now in existence or later to be levied can affect the 4s and 4½s unless the holder owns \$5,000 worth or more.

Wall Street Opinion.

Hence, the great majority of the small investors pay no tax on the bonds of the Second or Third Issues. The Wall Street Journal recently said: "More to be deplored is the general lack of appreciation of the ultimate value of the Liberty Bond, no matter of what description. All the economies of war and finance point to government bonds as the most far-sighted and soundest investment a person can make during these times. Investing in government bonds now is buying with cheap money a call on dear money in the future."

DO VAST BORROWINGS OF U. S. TO WIN WAR CAUSE YOU WORRY?

Think of the Many Opportunities for Investment Which the War Loans Offer.

The vast borrowings of the government made necessary by the war have startled a good many patriotic but short-thinking people. Involuntarily perhaps, they feel that an exacting demand is being made on everybody and they grow uneasy and restless. Private and public expenditures are being curbed right and left so that the government may have more and more money.

But the money is staying right here in this country. And the great government war issues afford excellent investment opportunities to the business man. He can loan his capital to the government at 4½ per cent interest, a rate which after the war will make a security of such safety glittered, and he can get his capital back at a time when its purchasing power will be greatly increased.

Financiers Study Situation. "No doubt these factors will be appreciated in time and the bonds will ultimately find their proper market levels," says the Wall Street Journal. That financial journal goes on to say that the under-prices quoted during the summer on some of the issues reflect only a temporary condition. It says further that every effort is being made and will be made by the Secretary of the Treasury to see that all legislation which has to do with money will work out to the benefit of the bondholder.

Financiers who have studied the loan sales, which have been comparatively few, report that a large number of the transactions are started by misinformed holders of small amounts of bonds who do not understand the tax statutes.

"A great many small investors in the 4 and 4½ per cent bonds," says the Wall Street Journal, "do not seem to realize that their securities for the most part possess the same merits as the tax free 3½ per cent bonds of the First issue. The 4s and 4½s are fully as free from the normal income tax as the 3½s and no surtax or excess profits tax now effective or later to be enacted will be collectible on 4s and 4½s unless the owner has more than \$5,000 worth."

BOND BUYERS ONE OUT OF SIX

This Was Record for Entire Population in Third Liberty Loan.

One out of every six persons in the United States bought Liberty bonds of the third loan last April and May. The exact number of subscribers was 18,308,325, or 17.7 per cent of the estimated population.

New York State led in the volume of subscription. Delaware subscribed the highest percentage of the assigned quota, and the City of Washington furnished the largest proportion of its population as bond buyers.

This was disclosed in a Treasury report of the third loan subscription by Federal Reserve Districts, States and principal cities. The loan total, \$4,176,516,550, represents an aggregate oversubscription of 138 per cent of the \$3,000,000,000 goal.

In volume of subscription the five leading States were New York, with \$385,000,000, or nearly one-fourth of the nation's total; Pennsylvania, \$467,000,000; Illinois, \$279,000,000; Massachusetts, \$228,000,000, and Ohio, \$226,000,000.

The women of the Webb School District are very progressive and under the able leadership of Miss Abbie Puckett they have arranged for a series of lessons in home nursing. Their first meeting was held at the Webb school house Friday afternoon, October 4. Miss Mildred Glasse, emergency home demonstration agent, talked on sanitation, general sanitation, sanitation in the home and sanitation in the sick room. The next meeting will be on Friday afternoon, October 18, and every second Friday afternoon thereafter. The tentative date for Friday, October 11, has been canceled on account of the prevalent illness in Higginsville.

Mrs. Fannie Stonestreet went to Kansas City this morning to spend the day.

Miss Grace Graves left Wednesday night for her home in Fayette, Mo., to remain until school reopens.

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Miss Elizabeth Eckle returned Wednesday night from Kansas City, on account of the closing of the schools.



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